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FOR : NEA/ARP DICKMAN FROM AMBASSADOR

E.O.: 11652: AGDS (DECLAS 1/15/75)  
TAGS: OTRA, SA  
SUBJ: VISIT OF "TIME" CORRESPONDENT TO SAUDI ARABIA

REF: STATE 267388

1. ON THE GENERAL TOPIC OF ROYAL AUDIENCES DURING THE HAJ, I WAS RECENTLY TOLD BY AHMED ABDUL WAHAB THAT THE STUPENDOUS PRESS OF VISITORS DURING THIS SEASON REQUIRES THAT ROYAL AUDIENCES BE CONFINED TO TOP-RANKING MUSLIM DIGNITARIES. AS AN EXAMPLE, HE SAID, THE FOREIGN MINISTER OF GUINEA WAS ACTUALLY IN FLIGHT FOR SAUDI ARABIA IN EXPECTATION HE COULD SEE KING WHEN DIWAN REGRETFULLY CONCLUDED AN AUDIENCE WAS SIMPLY NOT POSSIBLE; IT ASKED HIM TO RETURN TO CONAKRY AND SUGGESTED HE COME BACK TO JIDDA IN MID-JANUARY.

2. I IMAGINE THAT I COULD GET PARGER AND HIS TEAM VISAS AND AN AUDIENCE WITH KING FAISAL. BUT TO GET AN AUDIENCE WOULD REQUIRE NOTHING LESS THAN A MAXIMUM EFFORT BY ME, AND ACCORDINGLY, A MAXIMUM IDENTIFICATION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE AND THE USG WITH THE ARTICLE AS FINALLY COMPOSED BY "TIME'S" NEW YORK EDITORS. IF THE SAUDIS CONCLUDE THE ARTICLE IS OFFENSIVE, THEY WILL HOLD US RESPONSIBLE.

3. BEFORE I MAKE ANY ARRANGEMENTS FOR PRAGER GROUP, I WOULD  
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APPRECIATE ANY CONFIRMATION OR ASSURANCE DEPARTMENT COULD GIVE

THAT ARTICLE NOT RPT NOT LIKELY TO BE TROUBLESOME TO OUR  
OFFICIAL RELATIONSHIP. OTHERWISE, I WOULD PREFER REQUEST BE  
HANDLED THROUGH LESS FORMAL USIS-MINISTER OF INFORMATION  
CHANNELS.

4. RE PARA 4 REFTTEL, IF PRAGER COMES DURING HAJ IT WOULD BE  
MORE EFFICIENT AND LESS CONFUSING TO SAUDIS IF ALL OF "TIME"  
PEOPLE WERE TO COME AS A UNIT.

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